

How Harriman's Eagle We'll Be On Guard This Time Spilled U.S. Secrets

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An uncommonly tight security net of governmental gumshoes will accompany W. Averell Harriman on his roving missions for President Kennedy, it is expected. They had better.

Over Harriman's stooped, elegant shoulders still hover the wings of the "eagle that talked," probably the longest, costliest and most embarrassing leak in American diplomatic history.

What the Soviets learned by bugging Harriman's private office in our Moscow embassy undoubtedly far transcended what they picked up from the Alger Hiss network or from the Rosenberg spy ring.

ABOVE Harriman's desk



The "eagle that talked" is displayed during U-2 spy plane debate in United Na-

tions by American Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

when he was our ambassador to Russia between 1943 and 1946 Stalin's agents managed to introduce a handsome gild-

ed American eagle, carefully wired for eavesdropping.

This transistorized bird was accepted by Harriman as to-

ken of Russia's "gratitude for lend-lease aid," which Harriman also administered.

Harriman and his security

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